Eighth Five Year Plan period, year-wise with details of financial investment in public, private and foreign investment separately along with the projected production targets;

(c) the details of international assistance (World Bank, Asian Development Bank etc.) so far committed for the oil and gas exploration programme; and

(d) the details of time bound programme for international bid for all types of wells and the policy modifications; if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) During the 7th Five Year Plan (1985-90), Geological reserves of 1536.83 million tonnes of oil and oil equivalent of gas (O+OEG) were established.

(b) Eighth Plan programme includes 2-D seismic surveys of 113,845 SLK, 21720 GLK and 93000 LK and 3-D seismic surveys over 42,843 Sq. Kms. and exploratory drilling meterage of 3042 thousand metres. The projected accretion of geological reserve is 1325 MMT (O+OEG). Projected production level of crude oil in the terminal year of the Eighth Plan (1996-97) is of the order of 45 million tonnes.

The total outlay approved for ONGC and OIL is Rs. 18574 crores.

(c) While the bulk of World Bank and ADB assistance is for development projects, the World Bank had committed US $ 140 million to OIL's programmes in the VII Plan, including exploration programmes for which an amount of about Rs. 140 crores would be drawn down in the VIII Plan period.

(d) 12 medium sized and 41 small sized oil and gas fields have been offered for development by private companies, the last date for submission of offers of which is 31st March, 1993. 45 blocks have also been offered for exploration of oil and gas in the Fifth Round of Bidding in which the last date for submission of bids is 30th June, 1993.

Supply of surplus Gas from Bombay High

3734. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the centre has decided to divert the surplus gas from Bombay High to the Southern States;
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(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government have committed the Northern states to allocate gas from the offshore gas fields close to the Gujarat Coast; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (c) The concept of laying a pipeline from the Western offshore to the Southern region, based on surplus gas after meeting the requirements ex-Hazira and ex-Uran, has been approved in principle.

CBI Raid at the Residence of the Group Manager of ONGC

3735. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether CBI has completed its investigation in respect of raid conducted at the residence of the Group Manager, ONGC in 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the details of premises including the lockers searched and the items recovered;

(d) what are the details of allegations/charges made against the Group Manager; and

(e) what action has been taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (e) The CBI raided the residential and official premises at Dehradun and flat owned by the wife of the Group General Manager, ONGC in connection with possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. LIC policies, jewellery. household articles, FDRs, NSCs, NSSs, etc. were recovered. The case is under investigation by the CBI.

Allotment of Associated Gas to Rajasthan

3736. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rajasthan's request for allotment of suitable position of associated gas from the proposed gas grid in Gujarat for the purpose of development of industries in the neighbouring districts of Sirohi, Jalore, etc. is still under consideration;

(b) if so, what is the present stage of progress; and

(c) by when, decision in this regard is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (c) Considering the availability of gas in Gujarat, and the allocations already made, no further allocations of gas is feasible at present.

Tender for supply of Boots and Shoes in ONGC

3737. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) has sought from the tender participants, for supplies of boots and shoes, extension of tender price offers on number of occasions in the past;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ONGC has not yet decided the same due to some internal problems and as a result of which safety angle of workers and staff has been ignored during the period;

(c) whether efforts have now been made to decide the same tender in the larger interest of safety; and

(d) if so. the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (d) In the case of a tender invited by ONGC Headquarters, Dehradun for entering into rate contract for supply of safety shoes, the bidders were asked to extend the validity of their offers three times as the samples were required to be laboratory tested to ensure their conformity with safety regulations. The safety of the workers is not affected in any way as they are already provided with safety shoes as per norms procured by the Regional offices/Projects of ONGC.

Opening of Block for Oil Exploration

3738. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government opened more than 25 blocks for exploration of oil and natural gas by Indian and International companies;

(b) what are the main terms and conditions on which these blocks for exploration were given;

(c) what is the quantity of crude production Government envisages by these blocks; and

(d) what are the likely effects of these offers on ONGC ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Bids will be received under the Fifth Round till 30th June, 1993. The contracts entered into wi h successful bidders will be Production Sharing Contracts in which the contractor would be permitted to recover his costs and then share the profit oil a sliding scale linked to profita-